

**REMARKS**

By the present Amendment, claim 1 has been extensively amended to define various aspects of the invention with greater precision. In particular, claim 1 now recites that the composition is a fluororesin molding composition consistent with the description provided at page 1, lines 6-7, and page 2, lines 6-7. Claim 1 has also been amended to recite that the tetrafluoroethylene polymer is prepared by suspension polymerization as disclosed in the sentence bridging pages 3 and 4. The group of fillers has been defined more specifically and the zinc oxide whisker has been amended to contain tetrapod-shaped particles consistent with the disclosure on page 4, lines 15-20. Claim 6 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claim 7 has been added to recite a sliding part as described at page 3, lines 13 and 14.

As noted above, claim 1 now recites that the tetrafluoroethylene polymer is prepared by suspension polymerization. When using this technique, polymer particles can be obtained that have average diameter of several mm to several cm and an irregular shape. The particles can be provided for pulverizing and then treating, as required, such as pelletizing, fine cutting or presintering. Since the particles are hardly fibrillated and have relatively higher molecular weight, sliding parts obtained by molding the particles with compression molding or extrusion molding method resist cracking.

The fluororesin molding composition of the present invention can provide moldings that maintain lubricity and heat-resistant property and can further exhibit superior friction and wearing resistance and compression creep resistance. This makes the composition particularly suitable for the molding of sliding parts, with a sliding part now recited in claim 7. Such advantages are illustrated in Table 1 on page 10 of the specification, the results of which were discussed in the prior response and the Examiner's attention is directed thereto.

Applicants respectfully submit that the cited prior does not disclose or suggest the presently claimed invention. The cited documents do not disclose a fluororesin molding composition or sliding part molded therefrom with the composition having the specifically defined components, including the tetrafluoroethylene polymer prepared by suspension polymerization that provides a product result, in the recited amounts. In addition, the cited documents do not recognize that by following the teachings of

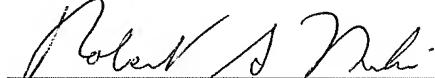
the present invention, one can obtain the noted significant advantages set forth in Table 1 of the specification.

For the reasons provided above, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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